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SUMMARY.

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LADIES' RAIN COATS.

AN "ENERGETIC DISTURBANCE."

According to our weather prophet rain is coming, with snow on the tablelands, within 48 hours, and we are to have "A MOST ENERGETIC DISTURBANCE" in a newspaper interview.

Cardinal Logue, in a newspaper interview, said he saw signs in Great Britain of certain dissolution.

"When England sits alone as the result of a war of retribution," he remarked, "it will be a day of reckoning for the children of Ireland."

The President of the Board of Trade says the unusual increase in the number of Chinese immigrants to the United Kingdom ports is a matter of serious concern.

Unemployed employees are hallooing on a petition for a reduction of 16d per week.

The measure is carried, to the establishment of permanent boards of conciliation.

President Roosevelt opened at Washington a conference on the National Conservation of National Resources.

The President emphasized the rapid exhaustion of the natural resources of the United States.

The House of Commons has carried a resolution expressing the opinion that the ultimate solution of the question of British South Africa is a federal union is desirable.

Mr. Winston Churchill advised caution, since there were still serious obstacles in the way of federation.

A bill is to be introduced in the House of Commons providing for a system for the systematic valuation of sites and buildings.

It is expected that racecourse betting will be abolished in Louisiana, U.S.A.

Dr. Bates and Dr. Wray, Government medical officers, died from plague, contracted during post-mortem examinations of a plague patient.

Mr. Denkin says the Capital Site Bill will be proceeded with when an opportunity presents itself.

The question of selecting a site for the Commonwealth Office in London is still causing the attention of the Ministry.

More than one site has been offered to the Government.

The chief post office says the department is to be best in realising the Lord Mayor's dream of a smoky city.

The contractors for the first section of the North Coast railway from Maitland to Dungog are arranging to commence work.

The Local Government Department has consulted and revised the ordinances, the codes applying to municipalities and shires being drafted.

A deputation representing the Scottish miners asked the Premier to extend the period of payment of pensions so as to include practical experience.

Mr. Wade favoured a few experienced ploughmen coming over to test the sea and harbours.

Arrangements could then be made to bring out fresh people from time to time as required.

The Arbitration Court sat at Newcastle to hear the dispute between the butchers' shop owners and the retail trade.

Mr. Herder was questioned as to the likelihood of the Special Mining Court returning to Newcastle to hear the Teralba cases.

He said he saw no reason why it should not, but it could not be guaranteed to have a hearing in the settings would not be interrupted by trials.

The Public Works Committee took evidence at Goulburn on the condition of the northern branch of the Clarence River.

It is the opinion of the Presbyterian body as to a central church and assembly hall has been abandoned.

Members of a central church is absurd—representing a section of society, "while the rest of the church have to have.

Mr. A. Vaughan, Government Printer in question, retires from the service at the end of the year.

The body of Alexander Brown, a wharf labourer, was found in the water at the wharf, it is suspected that the man's death was due to poison.

A writ has been issued for the vacancy for addition to the House of Representatives, in the seat of Mr. Kingdon. Poll-day is June 15.

Mr. Scher's report on the industrial conditions at Broken Hill states that there are between 700 and 800 men out of work.

A number of works are required for repairing the transverse and the construction of a railway to Andouille.

The House of Representatives was occupied yesterday with the Senate's request in regard to the return of the bill to the table.

A bill is credited with having created a "hotbed" in places of amusement in view of the visit of the American fleet.

The Premier has taken up a determined attitude in the matter.

The secretary of the Sydney Ratepayers' Association and the taxpayers are committed to reform the City Council.

The Minister for Works left Sydney last night for Condobolin to rule over Broken Hill.

Chief-officer Stein retires from the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Melbourne, on June 30.

His retirement has been brought about by the fact that he has been in the service of a fire for 25 years.

The large St. Mary's Bay, from Newcastle, has been totally lost of Tal Tal, Chilli. All hands were saved.

The regular extension of College-street play is to be left wide, and will be planted with shade trees.

The unfavourable weather militated against play in the State championships at the lawn tennis tournament yesterday.

The result of the match between Parker and Denkin in which the former was defeated, came as a surprise.

The Sydney Labour Council, replying to the British Empire League, has decided to take no part in the proposed arbitration.

The Adelade Company's new steamer *Pegasus* averaged 123 knots in her speed trials on the Clyde.

At the hearing of assessment appeals at Paddington, the water was the greatest problem of the day, and the barracks was retarded by the military bands.

The annual show of the Poultry Club was opened yesterday. The number of entries was up to 2,000.

Some splendid birds were penned, the qualities of which were tested in a large measure for the smaller entry.

In spite of the adverse season the entries at the Hawkesbury Agricultural Show numbered 2,400. The quality of the exhibits was not equal to that of last year.

An agitation has been started at Broadwood for the construction of a railway to Tarago.

Mr. E. Betheras, the Federal Public Service Inspector for Victoria, died in Melbourne yesterday.

The Oddfellows' Memorial Conference, which had been sitting at Grattan, has concluded its sittings. The next conference is to be held in the metropolitan area.

The Victorian Government steamer Lady Edith has had an unexpected search of the steamer's steerage.

The agricultural districts in South Australia have had further beneficial rains.

A mail coach was washed away in attempting to cross Pine Creek, which was in flood.

With nearly 28,000 sheep and lambs at Winton yesterday, the market was not supplied, and values generally were firm.

Upwards of 700 cattle were ready for sale, the market sorts predominated, and values were up per head during the early and middle sales.

Gold stocks again commanded attention in the share market, Charters Towers mines being in most request.

Barter shares were operated in at standard rates. Copper interests were quiet.

Gold prices have fallen over the greater portion of the State.

Today's Forecast.—Weather clearing in the west, with some rain in the west, but more rain along the western slopes, and some rain in the north-east districts; snow on some of the tablelands.

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FUTURE OF AMERICA.

THE PRESIDENT PESSIMISTIC.

NATURAL RESOURCES FAILING.

NEED OF CONSERVATION.

LONDON, May 14.

President Roosevelt yesterday opened, at Washington, a conference of Governors of States and experts on the national conservation of natural resources. Members of the Cabinet, members of Congress, and members of the Federal Supreme Court were also present.

President Roosevelt emphasised the need of extension of the natural resources of the United States. The limit of unset-
tled land was in sight. Half the timber was gone, and the end of the iron and coal was in sight.

Enormous stores of mineral oil and gas had gone, the natural waterways were neglected, and the soil was impoverished by injudicious use.

Both nation and the States, President Roosevelt continued, ought to enforce a policy of conservation, which would pre-serve the soil, the forests, and the water power, as a heritage for future generations. They ought also to recognise it as a patriotic duty to ensure the safety and con-sciences of the nation by raising its citizens to the highest pitch of excellency in private, State, and national life.

NORMAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

BRITISH ADVANCE.

LONDON, May 13.

The first and second brigades under Major-General Willcocks have entered the Moham-
medan country by the Gondwan route, which was followed by Lieutenant-General Sir Edmund Roche-Elles, who commanded the Moham-
medan Expeditionary Force, in 1807.

Owing to cholera having appeared among the 1st Battalion of the Northumbrian and the 1st Battalion of the Fusiliers, the white troops with Major-General Willcocks are ex-
ecutively the first battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders.

MR. ROOSEVELT AND ARBITRATION.

GERMANY'S REFUSAL.

LONDON, May 13.

Mr. Roosevelt is surprised and some-
what annoyed at Germany refusing to ne-
gotiate an arbitration treaty with the
United States, similar to those concluded
between America and Great Britain, and
with other countries.

RUSSIAN PRISONERS ESCAPE.

FUGITIVES SHOT DOWN.

LONDON, May 13.

Twenty-nine prisoners who escaped from Balaclava prison, Southern Russia, following on a bomb explosion, were ad-
mitted. If were seriously wounded, and 17
slightly wounded.

LAND VALUE RATING.

LODGE AMEND SCOTTISH BILL.

LONDON, May 14.

The House of Lords last night in com-
mittee, discussed the provisions of the Land
Value (Scotland) Bill, which proposes that the
value of lands, apart from the building
thereon, should be the new standard of
valuation.

By 150 votes to 32, the House of Lords
admitted the bill so as to make the scheme
of valuation optional and not compulsory.

The objects of the bill are stated to be three,
(1) to make owners of vacant land pay some
share of taxation; (2) to make the bill applicable to its full
extent, pay their share; (3) to make those who have created an expensive building to
pay for it.

The bill has an expensive building par a prop-
erly large amount. From the Liberal
party, Mr. H. H. Asquith, the bill has been
criticised for the large amount of taxation on the
suburban residence, whereas the well-to-do
people resided, and placed it on the shoulders of
the people who were struggling in the
rural districts, to pay for the building.

Mr. Asquith said that the Government
was not so far as to make the scheme
of valuation optional and not compulsory.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

RACECOURSE BETTING.

LONDON, May 14.

It is expected that racecourse betting
will be abolished in Louisiana (U.S.A.).

THE UNION BANK.

The Earl of Chichester has joined the
board of directors of the Union Bank of
Australia.

THE EARL OF CHICHESTER ON HIS MOTHER'S SIDE.

He is the son of the family of the Dukes of
Glynn, of Newcastle, and of the Crowsnes among his ancestors. He is 33 years of age.

SWEATING IN THE G.P.O.

CLERKS UNION BOYCOTT TO ACTION.

During last night's proceedings at the
weekly meeting of the Sydney Trades and
Labour Council, Mr. W. L. Duncan, delegate
from the Union of Clerks, gave notice
of his intention to move the following
resolution at the next meeting:

"That this council urge upon the Federal
Parliament and Labour party to take
immediate steps to secure the human
rights of the men employed in the Post
Office, and to demand a revision of the
scale of pay."

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ADVANCE IN CONSOLS.

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Consols yesterday showed an advance of
4s. the quotation being 86 10s.

THE CHESTER CUP.

WON BY GLACIS.

LONDON, May 13.

At the Chester Spring Meeting today
the contest for the principal event resulted
as under:

CHESTER CUP (Handicap) of 2500 s.w. (ap-
prox. 50 s. and the remainder 10 s.)

Mr. H. H. Asquith, the owner of the second to
receive 40s. and the owner of the third 200s.
The sum of the money due to the bidders had
been calculated that the cost of the valuation of the
city of Glasgow would be at least 250,000.

NEW SYSTEM FOR ENGLAND.

The Premier, Mr. H. H. Asquith, is
about to introduce a bill to provide for a
uniform system in England and Wales for
the separate valuation of sites and buildings.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A small volume of business was effected on change yesterday, without any alteration in price.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Union Bank of Australia, £60; United States, £1/10. Afternoon: Fresh Food and Ice, 12/2; United Insurance, £1/10.

Closing quotations were:—

Report.	Stock.	Last Sale.	Prices	
			Per Share	Per Div.
May 12.	Stock.	844	842	24
May 13.	Stock.	840	838	24
May 14.	Stock.	839	837	24
May 15.	Stock.	837	835	24
May 16.	Stock.	835	833	24
May 17.	Stock.	833	831	24
May 18.	Stock.	831	829	24
May 19.	Stock.	829	827	24
May 20.	Stock.	827	825	24
May 21.	Stock.	825	823	24
May 22.	Stock.	823	821	24
May 23.	Stock.	821	819	24
May 24.	Stock.	819	817	24
May 25.	Stock.	817	815	24
May 26.	Stock.	815	813	24
May 27.	Stock.	813	811	24
May 28.	Stock.	811	809	24
May 29.	Stock.	809	807	24
May 30.	Stock.	807	805	24
May 31.	Stock.	805	803	24
June 1.	Stock.	803	801	24
June 2.	Stock.	801	799	24
June 3.	Stock.	799	797	24
June 4.	Stock.	797	795	24
June 5.	Stock.	795	793	24
June 6.	Stock.	793	791	24
June 7.	Stock.	791	789	24
June 8.	Stock.	789	787	24
June 9.	Stock.	787	785	24
June 10.	Stock.	785	783	24
June 11.	Stock.	783	781	24
June 12.	Stock.	781	779	24
June 13.	Stock.	779	777	24
June 14.	Stock.	777	775	24
June 15.	Stock.	775	773	24
June 16.	Stock.	773	771	24
June 17.	Stock.	771	769	24
June 18.	Stock.	769	767	24
June 19.	Stock.	767	765	24
June 20.	Stock.	765	763	24
June 21.	Stock.	763	761	24
June 22.	Stock.	761	759	24
June 23.	Stock.	759	757	24
June 24.	Stock.	757	755	24
June 25.	Stock.	755	753	24
June 26.	Stock.	753	751	24
June 27.	Stock.	751	749	24
June 28.	Stock.	749	747	24
June 29.	Stock.	747	745	24
June 30.	Stock.	745	743	24
July 1.	Stock.	743	741	24
July 2.	Stock.	741	739	24
July 3.	Stock.	739	737	24
July 4.	Stock.	737	735	24
July 5.	Stock.	735	733	24
July 6.	Stock.	733	731	24
July 7.	Stock.	731	729	24
July 8.	Stock.	729	727	24
July 9.	Stock.	727	725	24
July 10.	Stock.	725	723	24
July 11.	Stock.	723	721	24
July 12.	Stock.	721	719	24
July 13.	Stock.	719	717	24
July 14.	Stock.	717	715	24
July 15.	Stock.	715	713	24
July 16.	Stock.	713	711	24
July 17.	Stock.	711	709	24
July 18.	Stock.	709	707	24
July 19.	Stock.	707	705	24
July 20.	Stock.	705	703	24
July 21.	Stock.	703	701	24
July 22.	Stock.	701	699	24
July 23.	Stock.	699	697	24
July 24.	Stock.	697	695	24
July 25.	Stock.	695	693	24
July 26.	Stock.	693	691	24
July 27.	Stock.	691	689	24
July 28.	Stock.	689	687	24
July 29.	Stock.	687	685	24
July 30.	Stock.	685	683	24
July 31.	Stock.	683	681	24
Aug. 1.	Stock.	681	679	24
Aug. 2.	Stock.	679	677	24
Aug. 3.	Stock.	677	675	24
Aug. 4.	Stock.	675	673	24
Aug. 5.	Stock.	673	671	24
Aug. 6.	Stock.	671	669	24
Aug. 7.	Stock.	669	667	24
Aug. 8.	Stock.	667	665	24
Aug. 9.	Stock.	665	663	24
Aug. 10.	Stock.	663	661	24
Aug. 11.	Stock.	661	659	24
Aug. 12.	Stock.	659	657	24
Aug. 13.	Stock.	657	655	24
Aug. 14.	Stock.	655	653	24
Aug. 15.	Stock.	653	651	24
Aug. 16.	Stock.	651	649	24
Aug. 17.	Stock.	649	647	24
Aug. 18.	Stock.	647	645	24
Aug. 19.	Stock.	645	643	24
Aug. 20.	Stock.	643	641	24
Aug. 21.	Stock.	641	639	24
Aug. 22.	Stock.	639	637	24
Aug. 23.	Stock.	637	635	24
Aug. 24.	Stock.	635	633	24
Aug. 25.	Stock.	633	631	24
Aug. 26.	Stock.	631	629	24
Aug. 27.	Stock.	629	627	24
Aug. 28.	Stock.	627	625	24
Aug. 29.	Stock.	625	623	24
Aug. 30.	Stock.	623	621	24
Aug. 31.	Stock.	621	619	24
Sept. 1.	Stock.	619	617	24
Sept. 2.	Stock.	617	615	24
Sept. 3.	Stock.	615	613	24
Sept. 4.	Stock.	613	611	24
Sept. 5.	Stock.	611	609	24
Sept. 6.	Stock.	609	607	24
Sept. 7.	Stock.	607	605	24
Sept. 8.	Stock.	605	603	24
Sept. 9.	Stock.	603	601	24
Sept. 10.	Stock.	601	599	24
Sept. 11.	Stock.	599	597	24
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Sept. 13.	Stock.	595	593	24
Sept. 14.	Stock.	593	591	24
Sept. 15.	Stock.	591	589	24
Sept. 16.	Stock.	589	587	24
Sept. 17.	Stock.	587	585	24
Sept. 18.	Stock.	585	583	24
Sept. 19.	Stock.	583	581	24
Sept. 20.	Stock.	581	579	24
Sept. 21.	Stock.	579	577	24
Sept. 22.	Stock.	577	575	24
Sept. 23.	Stock.	575	573	24
Sept. 24.	Stock.	573	571	24
Sept. 25.	Stock.	571	569	24
Sept. 26.	Stock.	569	567	24
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Oct. 7.	Stock.	545	543	24
Oct. 8.	Stock.	543	541	24
Oct. 9.	Stock.	541	539	24
Oct. 10.	Stock.	539	537	24
Oct. 11.	Stock.	537	535	24
Oct. 12.	Stock.	535	533	24
Oct. 13.	Stock.	533	531	24
Oct. 14.	Stock.	531	529	24
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Oct. 16.	Stock.	527	525	24
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Oct. 18.	Stock.	523	521	24
Oct. 19.	Stock.	521	519	24
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